

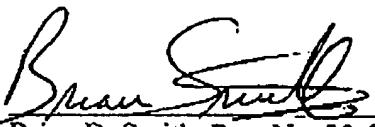
removable cylindrical sleeve ... into the intake section of an air dryer. Claim 22 comprises the additional step of removing the removable cylindrical sleeve from the air dryer's intake section and inserting another removable cylindrical sleeve into the intake section. Since there is no air dryer intake section into which the muffler of Naito is inserted, Applicants respectfully submit that Naito neither anticipates nor suggests the rejected claims.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration are requested and allowance is solicited at an early date. Applicants understand that this application is under final and therefore would appreciate a prompt response from the Office if such is possible, preferably a week or so before Applicants' appeal deadline which is November 16, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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